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New York, 25 January to 3 February and 16 February 2016

Summary

At its 2016 regular session, held from 25 January to 3 February and on 16 February 2016, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 475 applications for consultative status, including 200 applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 206 for consultative status, deferred 245 for further consideration at its resumed session in 2016 and closed without prejudice consideration of the 23 non-governmental organizations that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions of the Committee. The Committee also had before it six requests for reclassification of consultative status; it deferred its consideration of all six requests. The Committee considered nine requests for a change of name, took note of five of those requests and deferred four. It also had before it 451 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 361. The Committee heard 20 representatives of the 40 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

The present report contains four draft decisions on matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council.

By draft decision I, the Council would:

(a) Grant consultative status to 206 non-governmental organizations;

(b) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of five non-governmental organizations;

(c) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 361 non-governmental organizations, including new and deferred reports;

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(d) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by 23 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee;

(e) Decide to close the application for consultative status of the non-governmental organization, Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation.

By draft decision II, the Council would take note of the withdrawal of consultative status requested by one non-governmental organization.

By draft decision III, the Council would decide to reinstate the consultative status of one non-governmental organization that had submitted its outstanding quadrennial report.

By draft decision IV, the Council would take note of the present report.

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I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

Draft decisions for adoption by the Council

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 206 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

ABAAD Resource Center for Gender Equality

Acclaim Otago

ACHE Internacional

Action communautaire femme et enfant

Action jeunesse pour le développement

Action on Smoking and Health

Action pour la protection des droits de l'homme en Mauritanie

Action pour le développement humain au Congo

African Australian Network

Agency for Health and Food Security

Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation

Al Manarah — Association for Arab Persons with Disabilities

Alliance nationale des consommateurs et de l'environnement

All-Russian social movement "Association of Finno-Ugric peoples of the Russian Federation"

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Arabic Academy of Science and Technology

American Middle East Christians Congress

ANAJA — l'Éternel a répondu

Ariel Foundation International

Asian Association for Public Administration

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

Asociación Hispano-Nigeriana para el Desarrollo Industrial y Comercial

Asociaţia Obştească "Centrul Ecologic-Recuperare, Reciclare, Reintegrare"

Association aide aux femmes et enfants

Association Bharathi Centre Culturel Franco-Tamoul

Association des étudiants tamouls de France

Association des fabricants européens de munitions de sport

Association du développement et de la promotion de droits de l'homme

Association for the Protection of Women and Children's Rights

Association Genèse

Association locale pour le développement intégral

Association malienne de savoir construire

Association mauritanienne pour la promotion des droits de l'homme

Association nationale de promotion et de protection des droits de l'homme

"Association of Women with University Education" Social Organization

Association pour le développement humain en Mauritanie

Australian Drug Foundation

Azerbaijani American Cultural Association

Bakhter Development Network

Bangladesh Support Group

Barzani Charity Foundation

Behinderung und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit

Beijing Non-Governmental Organization Association for International Exchanges

British Nuclear Tests Veterans Association

Buddies Association of Volunteers for Orphans, Disabled and Abandoned Children

Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation

Bureau pour la croissance intégrale et la dignité de l'enfant

Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization — Sudan

Center of Civil Initiatives Support

Centre d'accompagnement des filles désœuvrées

Change Human's Life

Children's Investment Fund Foundation (United Kingdom)

Christian Associations of Italian Laborers (USA)

Climate Change Excellence Africa

Coastal Association for Social Transformation Trust

College of the Atlantic

Community Systems Foundation

Compass Housing Services

Conquer Nepal

Conseil international pour le soutien à des procès équitables et aux droits de l'homme

Corporación Cultural Nueva Acrópolis Chile

"Coup de pousse" Chaîne de l'espoir Nord-Sud

Covenant International University and Seminary

Days for Girls International

Death Penalty Project

Development of Humane Action Foundation

Diplomatici

Disability Association of Tavana

Diversity Living Services

Earth Charter Associates

Enable India

Engineers without Borders — International

Engineers without Borders USA

Ensemble contre la peine de mort

Ethnic Community Development Organization

Fédération internationale des organisations de donneurs de sang

Fondation Monseigneur Emmanuel Kataliko

Fondation Ngangambi

Fondation One Drop

Fondation Tamukwidi Matiti Donatien

Fondazione Rosselli

Forum européen pour les Roms et les gens du voyage

France volontaires

FreeMuslim Association

Fundación Lobbying Social

Fundación Novia Salcedo

Fundamental Human Rights and Rural Development

Generación Par

Geneva Consensus Foundation

Global Civic Sharing

Global Mass Community (Welfare Organization)

Global Millennium Development Foundation

Global Millennium International

Global Youth Organization

Güçsüzler Yurdu Sakinleri Koruma Yardımlaşma Dayanışma Eğitim ve Kültür Derneği

Haitelmex Foundation

Human Rights Observers

Human Rights Sanrakshan Sansthaa

Humanic Relief — Menschen Hilfswerk

India Media Centre

India Water Foundation

Indian Trust for Rural Heritage and Development

Initiative d'opposition contre les discours extrémistes

Initiative féministe européenne

Insan Dost Association

Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya

Institute for Human Rights and Business

Institute for Security and Safety

Instituto de Desenvolvimento e Direitos Humanos

Instituto Igarapé

International Detention Coalition

International Dialogue for Environmental Action

International Federation of the Blue Cross

International Health Council

International Human Rights Commission Relief Fund Trust

International Young Professionals Foundation

Internationale Gemeinschaft für die Unterstützung von Kriegsopfern

Intersections International Initiative

Iraqi Society for Emergency Medicine

Isät lasten asialla

Japan Federation of Democratic Medical Institutions

Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation

JCall — European Jewish Call for Reason

Jeevan Jyothi Charitable Trust

Kapo Seba Sangha

Karna-Subarna Welfare Society

Kaushalya Gramodyog Sansthan

Kirkon Ulkomaanavun Säätiö

Klumpfußprojekt Mali — ein Verein zur Klumpfußbekämpfung in Mali

Kuwaiti Association for Learning Differences

Leadership Foundation

Leah Charity Foundation

Los Angeles Community Action Network

Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte — Forschungsverein

Luxembourg Income Study

Maat Foundation for Peace, Development and Human Rights

Maiti Nepal

Malankara Social Service Society

March of Dimes Canada

Martial Arts Academy

Memory Trees Corporation

Microclinic International

Mouvement des jeunes pour le réveil et le développement

National Educational, Social and Traditional Knowledge Foundation

National Old Folks of Liberia

Network of Rural Women Producers

NGO Sustainability

NGOs Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi cantonment

Nimbus Foundation

Foundation for the Study of Democracy and Geopolitics

Observatório Nacional de Segurança Viária e Veicular

ONG Aesadev Togo

Organization for Poverty Alleviation and Development

Orphan Charity Foundation

Pakistan Lions Youth Council Khanewal

Pakistan Rural Workers Social Welfare Organization

Palestine Sports for Life

Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms

Partnership for Human Rights

Partnership for Justice

Phamous Vision

Plan International (United Kingdom)

Porini Welfare Association

Potohar Organization for Development Advocacy

Red, Paz, Integración y Desarrollo

Redemption Research for Health and Educational Development Society

Regroupement des jeunes africains pour la démocratie et le développement (section Togo)

Réseau unité pour le développement de Mauritanie

Rural Development Foundation Global

Shah Maqeem Trust

Shah Satnam Ji Green-S Welfare Force Wing

Shelter and Settlements Alternatives: Uganda Human Settlements Network

Sindh Graduates Association

Sister to Sister: One in the Spirit

Société coopérative des agriculteurs du Cameroun — AGRIPO

Sri Ramanuja Mission Trust

Sri Sri JSMD Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri

Stichting International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research and Service

Stichting Soham Baba Mission

Stichting West European Confederation of Maritime Technology Societies

STUF United Fund

Sudanese Organization for Combating Violence against Women and Child

Sukyo Mahikari

Takal Welfare Organization

TERRE Policy Centre

The MILLA Project

Tort for Torture Victims Centre

Total Quality Management Magazine

True Worth Foundation

United Iraqi Medical Society for Relief and Development

US-Africa Synergy

USC Canada

Vision GRAM-International

WASH Network

WEConnect International

West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation

Women for Water Partnership

Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing

World Mission Good Seed

World Wide Web Foundation

Yayasan Dompet Dhuafa Republika

Young African Leaders Initiative

Youth Development of Congo

Youth for Community, Academic and Development Services

Youth Organizations for Drug Action

Zaka Rescue and Recovery

(b) To note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of the following five non-governmental organizations:

Global Action against Poverty (special, 1995) to Fracarita International

Groupe des ONG pour la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant (special, 2011) to Child Rights Connect

Rehabilitation and Research Centre of Torture Victims (special, 2008) to Dignity — Danish Institute against Torture

Scientific Association of Youth Political Scientists (special, 2014) to Hellenic Association of Political Scientists

World Society for the Protection of Animals (general, 2013) to World Animal Protection

(c) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 361 non-governmental organizations:[1]

[1] The reports listed are for the 2011-2014 period, except where stated otherwise in parentheses.

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ABANTU for Development

Abibimman Foundation

Academy for Future Science

Action des chrétiens activistes des droits de l'homme à Shabunda

Action Health Incorporated

Action sensibilisation sur les nouvelles technologies de l'information et de la communication

Africa Development Interchange Network

African Action on AIDS

African Association of Education for Development

African Youth for Transparency

Africans Unite against Child Abuse

Afromedianet

Agewell Foundation

Aide internationale pour l'enfance

AIDS Foundation East-West

Al-Hakim Foundation

ALDET Centre (Saint Lucia)

All China Women's Federation

All India Women's Education Fund Association

All Pakistan Women's Association

All-Russian Social Fund "The Russian Children Foundation"

Alliance Forum Foundation

American Conservative Union

American Indian Law Alliance

American Youth Understanding Diabetes Abroad

Amigos do Protocolo de Kyoto

Antiviolence Center

AquaFed: International Federation of Private Water Operators

Armenian Constitutional Right-Protective Centre

Asayesefid White Cane

Asia Pacific Women's Watch

Asian Centre for Organization Research and Development

Asociación Civil Educación, Ambiente y Territorio

Asociación Cubana de las Naciones Unidas

Asociación de Federaciones y Asociaciones de Empresarias del Mediterráneo

Asociación Dominicana de las Naciones Unidas

Asociación Panameña de Corredores y Promotores de Bienes Raices

Association burkinabé pour la survie de l'enfance

Association de défense des droits de l'homme

Association de la jeunesse congolaise pour le développement

Association des consommateurs de télécommunication de Côte d'Ivoire

Association femmes soleil d'Häiti

Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst

Association for Reproductive and Family Health

Association for Solidarity with Freedom-Deprived Juveniles

Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit

Association mondiale de psychanalyse du champ freudien

Association nationale Al Hidn

Association of United Families International

Association of War-Affected Women

Association of World Reindeer Herders

Association pour le développement économique, social, environnemental du nord

Associazione IRENE

Assyrian Aid Society (Iraq)

Athletes United for Peace

Aube nouvelle pour la femme et le développement

Bahrain Women Society

Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha

Bangwe et dialogue

Behnam Daheshpour Charity Organization

Beijing Children's Legal Aid and Research Center

Beijing Zhicheng Migrant Workers' Legal Aid and Research Center

Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti Jaipur

Cameroun terre nouvelle

Campaign Life Coalition

Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse

CARE International

Caribbean Medical Association

Center for Alcohol and Drug Research and Education

Center for Economic and Social Rights

Center for Global Community and World Law

Center for Inter-ethnic Cooperation

Center for International Earth Science Information Network

Center for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation "Studiorum"

Centre d'accueil et de volontariat pour orphelins, abandonnés et handicapés du Cameroun

Centre for International Sustainable Development Law

Centro de Estudios Sobre la Juventud

Cercle d'initiative commune pour la recherche, l'environnement et la qualité

Child Development Foundation

Child Helpline International

Childlink Foundation

Children of the World: Regional Public Charitable Fund of Assistance to Cultural and Sports Development of Children and Young People

Children's Human Rights Centre of Albania

China Association for Preservation and Development of Tibetan Culture

China Energy Fund Committee

China Great Wall Society

China Green Foundation

China International Public Relations Association

Chinese Association for International Understanding

Christian Legal Fellowship

CIDSE

CITYNET: Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements

Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre

CLIPSAS

Colombian Commission of Jurists

Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos "Capaj"

Comité Español de Representantes de Personas con Discapacidad

Comité français pour l'Afrique du Sud

Commission africaine des promoteurs de la santé et des droits de l'homme

Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul

Concern for Environmental Development and Research

Concern Worldwide US

Confederación Latinoamericana de Cooperativas de Ahorro y Crédito

Conservation Force

Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations

Corrections India

Council for American Students in International Negotiations

Council for International Development

Crowley Children's Fund

David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies

Daytop Village Foundation

Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era

DEVNET Association

Dianova International

Disabled Peoples' International

Dominican Union of Journalists for Peace

Drammeh Institute

Drug Prevention Network of Canada

Du pain pour chaque enfant

Earthjustice

Egyptian Center for Women's Rights

Ensemble luttons contre le sida

Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement — Bwaise Facility

Environmental Women's Assembly

Equidad de Género: Ciudadania, Trabajo y Familia

Espace Afrique International

Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

Euromontana

European Disability Forum

European Transport Safety Council

European Youth Forum

Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International

Federación Internacional de Asociaciones de Ayuda Social, Ecológica y Cultural

Federal Union of European Nationalities

Federation for Women and Family Planning

Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations

Finland National Committee for UN-Women

Fondation Congo Assistance

Fondation Humanus

Fondazione Marista per la Solidarietà Internazionale

Forum Azzahrae pour la femme marocaine

Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action Aboriginal Corporation

Foundation for Research on Technology Migration and Integration

Foundation for the Development of Knowledge Suma Veritas

Foundation Projekta for Women and Development Services

Framework Convention Alliance for Tobacco Control

Fund of Aid for Youth

Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre

Fundación Atenea Grupo

Fundación Diagrama: Intervación Psicosocial

German Foundation for World Population

Gic technologies nouvelles au Cameroun

Girl Scouts of the United States of America

Global Action against Poverty

Global Exchange

Global Justice Center

Global Volunteers

Globe International

Globetree

Good People International

Grand Triangle

Groupe des ONG pour la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant

Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida

Gulf Research Center Foundation

Habitat for Humanity International

Handicap International

Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development

Helios Life Association

HelpAge International

High Atlas Foundation

Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation

Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society

Human Appeal International

Human Relief Foundation

Human Rights Congress for Bangladesh Minorities

Human Rights Council of Australia

Human Rights Defence Centre

Human Rights Law Centre

Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa

Human Rights National Circle

Hydroaid Water for Development Institute

Ilngwesi Afya Program

Institute for International Urban Development

Institute for Women's Studies and Research

Institute of Noahide Code

Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust

Instituto para la Participación y el Desarrollo-INPADE

Inter-Press Service International Association

International Action Network on Small Arms

International Administrative Science Association

International Alert

International Alliance of Women

International Art and Technology Cooperation Organization

International Association against Torture

International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty

International Association for Water Law

International Association of Charities

International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists

International Association of Lawyers against Nuclear Arms

International Association of Peace Messenger Cities

International Association of Schools of Social Work

International Bureau for Epilepsy

International Campaign to Ban Landmines

International Center for Alcohol Policies

International Center for Not-for-Profit Law

International Christian Organisation of the Media

International Committee for the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas

International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

International Corrections and Prisons Association for the Advancement of Professional Corrections

International Council for Adult Education

International Council of Women

International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization

International Federation for Family Development

International Federation of ACAT

International Federation of Associations of the Elderly

International Federation of Business and Professional Women

International Federation of Medical Students Associations

International Federation of Psoriasis Associations

International Federation of Social Workers

International Federation of University Women

International Federation on Ageing

International Human Rights Observer

International Indian Treaty Council

International Informatization Academy

International Institute for Child Protection

International Institute for Non-aligned Studies

International Institute for the Rights of the Child

International Islamic Committee for Woman and Child

International Islamic Relief Organization

International Jurists Organisation

International Juvenile Justice Observatory

International Kolping Society

International Law Association

International Lesbian and Gay Association

International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee

International Movement ATD Fourth World

International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization

International Muslim Women's Union

International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

International Network of Basin Organizations

International Network of Liberal Women

International Ocean Institute

International Ontopsychology Association

International Organization for Standardization

International Planned Parenthood Federation (Europe Region)

International Police Executive Symposium

International Real Estate Federation

International Religious Liberty Association

International Rescue Committee

International Road Safety

International Samaritan

International Sociological Association

International Statistical Institute

International Touring Alliance

International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education and Development

International Women's Health Coalition

IOGT International

Isfahan Human Rights and Development Organization

Japan Federation of Bar Associations

Japan National Committee for UN-Women

Join Together Society Korea

Jubilee Campaign

Junior Chamber International

Kikandwa Rural Communities Development Organization

Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation

Latter-Day Saint Charities

Legião da Boa Vontade

Liberal International

Life Ethics Educational Association

Life for Relief and Development

Ligue internationale contre le racisme et l'antisémitisme

Livelihood NGO

L'auravetli'an Information and Education Network of Indigenous People

Madre

Mayors for Peace

Mercy-USA for Aid and Development

Millennium Institute

Misión Mujer

Muhammadiyah Association

National Children's and Youth Law Centre

National Council of Child Rights Advocates, Nigeria (south-west zone)

National Council of Negro Women

National Council of Women of the United States

National Native Title Council

National Union of the Association of Protection of Motherhood, Childhood and Families

National Women's Council of Catalonia

New Human Rights

New Japan Women's Association

New York County Lawyers' Association

Niger Delta Women's Movement for Peace and Development

Nord-Sud XXI

Objectif sciences international

OceanCare

OLPC Foundation

Order of St John

Organisation nationale des donneurs de sang bénévoles

Organização das Famílias da Ásia e do Pacífico

Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas (ODEMA)

Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities

Oxfam Novib

Pacific Rim Institute for Development and Education

Pag-Aalay Ng Puso Foundation (Offering of the Heart Foundation)

Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association of Thailand

PanAmerican-PanAfrican Association

Paz y Cooperación

Peace Action

Permanent Assembly for Human Rights

Plan International

Poverty Elimination and Community Education Foundation

Prasad Project

Program for Appropriate Technology in Health

Public International Law and Policy Group

Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs

Ramola Bhar Charitable Trust

Real Medicine Foundation

Red Mujeres, Desarrollo, Justicia y Paz AC

Red Venezolana de Organizaciones para el Desarrollo Social

RESO-Femmes

Restoration World Outreach Ministries

Romanian Independent Society of Human Rights

Rural Community Development Program

Rural Development Centre

Rural Development Leadership Network

Sacro Militare Ordine Costantiniano di San Giorgio

Safari Club International Foundation

Safe Water Network

Salesian Missions

Salvation Army

Save a Child's Heart in Memory of Dr. Ami Cohen

Serve Train Educate People's Society

Service and Research Institute on Family and Children

Several Sources Foundation

Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre

Shimin Gaikou Centre

Shohratgarh Environmental Society

Socialist International

Socialist International Women

Society for Development and Community Empowerment

Society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment

Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

Society for Upliftment of Masses

Sociologists for Women in Society

Soroptimist International of Europe

SOS Éducation

South Sudanese Women Christian Mission for Peace

Southern Diaspora Research and Development Center

Sucardif Association

Sudanese Women General Union

Surfrider Foundation Europe

Swedish Association for Sexuality Education

Swedish Federation of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights

Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression

Terre des Hommes fédération internationale

Third World Institute

Tribal Link Foundation

UDISHA

Udyama

Umid Support to Social Development Public Union

(d) To close without prejudice consideration of the requests for consultative status made by the following 23 non-governmental organizations after those organizations had failed, following three reminders over the course of two

consecutive sessions of the Committee, to respond to queries posed to them by members of the Committee:

African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes Education Trust

Aides

Al-Dameer Association for Supporting Prisoners and Human Rights

All-Ukrainian Association of Civil Organizations "Union of Armenians of Ukraine"

American Medical Overseas Relief

American Society for Nutrition

Antigonish Women's Resource Centre and Sexual Assault Services Association

Arbeiter Samariter-Bund Deutschland

Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation

Collectif La Paix au Sri Lanka

Dalit Foundation — Ahmedabad

École de la paix

Education on Human Rights Public Association

Fondation des jeunes pour un développement durable

Global Partnership for Afghanistan

Health Squared

Little People of Kosovo

Maori Women's Welfare League

Medtronic Foundation

Mother Helpage (United Kingdom)

O.N.G Casa de Acogida La Esperanza

Uçan Süpürge Kadın iletişim ve Araştırma Derneği

Universal Cultural Society

(e) To close the application for consultative status of the non-governmental organization Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation.

Draft decision II
Request for withdrawal of consultative status

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the request for withdrawal of consultative status by the following non-governmental organization which has ceased to exist:

Association of Former United Nations Industry and Development Experts

Draft decision III
Reinstatement of consultative status of one non-governmental organization that submitted its outstanding quadrennial report, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4

The Economic and Social Council decides, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4, and recalling its decision 2014/223, to reinstate the consultative status of the non-governmental organization listed below, which submitted its outstanding quadrennial report:

International Press Institute (2010-2013)

Draft decision IV
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2016 regular session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2016 regular session.

II. Applications for consultative status, requests for reclassification and quadrennial reports received from non-governmental organizations

2. The Committee considered agenda items 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, and 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1st through 15th meetings, held from 25 January to 3 February 2016. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/2016/R.2 and E/C.2/2016/R.2/Add.1-27);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new requests for reclassification to be considered by the Committee (E/C.2/2016/R.3);

(c) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2008 to 2015 (E/C.2/2016/CRP.1);

(d) Compilation of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from sessions of the Committee held from 2002 to 2015 (E/C.2/2016/CRP.2);

(e) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2016/CRP.3);

(f) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name (E/C.2/2016/CRP.4);

(g) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations for a change of name, deferred from a previous session of the Committee (E/C.2/2016/CRP.5);

(h) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing one request from a non-governmental organization for reinstatement of consultative status, pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4 (E/C.2/2016/CRP.6);

(i) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from one non-governmental organization for withdrawal of its status (E/C.2/2016/CRP.7).

A. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee

3. The Committee considered item 3 (a) of its agenda, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, at its 5th through 9th meetings and 14th and 15th meetings, held from 27 to 29 January, and on 2 and 3 February 2016. The Committee considered a total of 200 deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 54 non-governmental organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

Action on Smoking and Health

African Australian Network

Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation

Australian Drug Foundation

Azerbaijani American Cultural Association

Bangladesh Support Group

Behinderung und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit

Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation

Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization — Sudan

Children's Investment Fund Foundation (United Kingdom)

Days for Girls International

Death Penalty Project

Earth Charter Associates

Engineers without Borders — International

Engineers Without Borders USA

Ensemble contre la peine de mort

Ethnic Community Development Organization

Forum européen pour les Roms et les gens du voyage

Fundación Novia Salcedo

Global Mass Community (Welfare Organization)

Human Rights Sanrakshan Sansthaa

India Media Centre

India Water Foundation

Initiative féministe européenne

Insan Dost Association

Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya

Institute for Human Rights and Business

Instituto Igarapé

International Human Rights Commission Relief Fund Trust

Intersections International Initiative

Japan Federation of Democratic Medical Institutions

Kaushalya Gramodyog Sansthan

Kirkon Ulkomaanavun Säätiö

Leadership Foundation

Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Menschenrechte — Forschungsverein

Luxembourg Income Study

Maat Foundation for Peace, Development and Human Rights

NGOs Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi cantonment

Palestine Sports for Life

Plan International (United Kingdom)

Shah Maqeem Trust

Shah Satnam Ji Green-S Welfare Force Wing

Sri Sri JSMD Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri

Stichting Soham Baba Mission

STUF United Fund

Sukyo Mahikari

Takal Welfare Organization

US-Africa Synergy

USC Canada

WEConnect International

West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation

Women for Water Partnership

Yayasan Dompet Dhuafa Republika

Zaka Rescue and Recovery

Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 122 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee to them during its 2016 regular session:

Access Now

Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty

Africa Unite

Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte

Al-Marsad, the Arab Centre for Human Rights in the Golan Heights

Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace

Article 36

Asia Center for Human Rights

Asociación Pro-Bienestar de la Familia Colombiana "Profamilia"

Aspen Institute

Association Concerning Sexual Violence against Women

Association for Human Rights and Solidarity with Oppressed People — Mazlumder

Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention

Association internationale de la libre pensée

Assyrian Aid Society of America

Assyrian National Congress

Avocats sans frontières

Bahrain Young Ladies Association

Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara occidental

Campanha Latino-Americana pelo Direito à Educação Brasil

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Center for Constitutional Rights

Center for Media and Peace Initiative

Centre Zagros pour les droits de l'homme

Child Soldiers International

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie

Committee to Protect Journalists

Congrès national des Arméniens occidentaux

Conselho Indigenista Missionário

Coordination des associations et des particuliers pour la liberté de conscience

Dansk Flygtningehjælp

Digital Opportunity Trust

Diplomatic Mission Peace and Prosperity

Droits de l'homme sans frontières

ECCO2 Corp

Egyptian Centre for Human Rights

Egyptian Judges' Club

Electronic Frontier Foundation

Elige: Red de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos

Eminence Associates for Social Development

Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género

Eurasia Foundation

European Muslims League

Federal Lezghin National and Cultural Autonomy

Foundation for Sustainable Development

Fountain House

F W de Klerk Foundation Trust

Gain International

Geneva Institute for Human Rights

Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health

Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction

HealthNet International Transcultural Psychosocial Organization

Heavenly Shower of Peace Church of God

Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor Office

Hokok Coalición Internacional contra la Impunidad

Human Aid UK

IDEAS Centre

Institute for Multi-track Diplomacy

International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care

International Association of Genocide Scholars

International Association of Independent Journalists

International Center for Work and Family

International Dalit Solidarity Network

International Police Commission Philippine Command Association

Interregional Non-governmental Organization "Committee against Torture"

Iran Human Rights Documentation Center

Islamic African Relief Agency

Islamic Help

James Madison University

Jeunesse Canada Monde — Canada World Youth

Jewish Renaissance Foundation

Korea Human Rights Foundation

Kuki Organization For Human Rights Trust

Lawfare Project

Legal Resources Centre

Let's Breakthrough

Liberia Youth Initiative for Peace and Sustainable Development

Light House

Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus

Mouvement de la paix

Muslim Aid

Muslim Hands

National Development Youth Club Jaran Wali Gali Poonch

National Secular Society

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative

New Jersey Minority Educational Development

Nigerian Diaspora Youths Movement for Peace and Development International Organization

Oromia Support Group in Australia

Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays

Peace Islands Institute

Population Matters

Profesionales por la Ética

Public Interest Advocacy Centre

Publication and Coordination Centre of Islamic Ideology and Sufism International

Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina Asociación Civil

Rural Development Institute

Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Association

Simons Foundation

Sindhi Adhikar Manch Association

Social Services Trust

Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV Pax Christi

Stichting War Child

Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests

Swadhikar

Treatment and Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture

United Sikhs

V-Day Karama

Vietnamese Overseas Initiative for Conscience Empowerment

Virtual Activism

We Care for Humanity

Women Living under Muslim Laws International Solidarity Network

Women's Freedom Forum

Women's Initiative for Self-Actualization

Work In Progress

World Academy of Art and Science

World without Genocide

Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights

Youth Foundation of Bangladesh

Youth of European Nationalities

Youth Service America

Congrès national des Arméniens occidentaux

6. At its 9th meeting, on 29 January, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Congrès national des Arméniens occidentaux.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Turkey posed questions to the organization, which were followed by a statement by the observer for Armenia. In his statement, the observer pointed out that, in its several sessions since the end of 2013, the Committee had deferred the consideration of two Armenian diaspora organizations as a result of questions from two Committee members, and he reiterated the call for a constructive and impartial approach to considering the organization's application.

8. The representative of Azerbaijan stressed that the Committee members had performed their duties in an impartial manner and that questions were asked to seek clarification from organizations. The representative of Turkey underlined that Turkey strongly supported the involvement and active participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations and emphasized that Turkey had traditionally adopted an impartial and constructive approach in the evaluation of all applications of non-governmental organizations for consultative status. She added that, regardless of the names or origins of non-governmental organizations, the only criteria Turkey followed in the review of applications was whether the organizations were in compliance with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation

9. At its 6th meeting, on 27 January, the Committee considered the application of Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation.

10. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba, speaking also on behalf of the representatives of Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), stated that the application from the Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation was not in line with the principles of resolution 1996/31 since the aims of the organization went against the territorial integrity of a member State, on the basis of the note verbale presented to the Committee by the observer for Viet Nam on 13 January 2016. He therefore, requested that the Committee consider closing the application of the organization.

11. The representative of the United States of America stated that her delegation did not share the views of the representatives of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) because the Committee had an obligation to engage in an open dialogue with organizations. In response, the representative of Cuba stated that, owing to a lack of consensus among Committee members on his proposal, the application should be voted on later in the week, in order to enable delegations sufficient time to obtain instructions from their capitals.

12. The representative of Russian Federation stated that discussions about the non-governmental organization had taken place within the Committee before, when the Council, reversing the recommendation of the Committee, had not approved consultative status for the organization. The representative then posed several questions to help the Committee to determine whether the organization's position had undergone any changes, which would allow for reconsideration of its application. In response, the representative of the United States reiterated her call to hear from the organization, clarifying at the same time that the Committee had actually recommended granting consultative status to the organization a few years ago, but that the recommendation had been overturned later as a result of the intervention of one Member State.

13. Following the request from the representative of Cuba, the vote on the application was postponed for later in the week.

14. Also at the 6th meeting, the Chair announced that a representative of the non-governmental organization would be invited to participate in the question-and-answer session that afternoon. However, since a member of the Committee appealed to the Chair with respect to his ruling, the Chair declared that, in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the appeal should be put to a vote and that the ruling of the Chair would stand unless overruled by the majority of the members present during the vote.

15. At its 8th meeting, on 28 January, the Committee proceeded to a roll-call vote on the appeal with respect to the Chair's decision to invite the Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation to participate in the question-and-answer session, which resulted in 13 to 4, with 1 abstention, and 1 absent. The appeal with respect to the Chair's ruling was thereby adopted.

16. Of the 19 members of the Committee, 18 were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Against:

Greece, Israel, United States of America, Uruguay

Abstaining:

Russian Federation

Absent:

Guinea

17. The representative of the United States made a statement after the vote, stating that the outcome showed a shocking lack of transparency in the work of the Committee since choosing not to listen to the organization conveyed a message that free speech was stifled in the Committee and removed due process, silencing a non-governmental from responding to allegations brought against it. In fact, he stated, the decision of the Committee sent a chilling message that free speech was under threat at the United Nations. The representative of Greece concurred with the United States, expressing his disappointment with the outcome of the vote, which he stated was against freedom of expression and was an attempt to silence organizations with whom Committee members did not necessarily agree.

18. The representative of South Africa also made a statement after the vote, stating that his Government believed in the rule of law, the centrality of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law. In that regard, his Government would not support the accreditation with the United Nations of any organization that sought to undermine the principle of the territorial integrity of any State. South Africa did not support the notion that the Charter and the principles of international law could be subordinated to the exercise of the right to freedom of expression. The right to freedom of speech could never supersede the fundamental principles on which the United Nations was founded.

19. The representatives of Azerbaijan, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua, Sudan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) also took the floor to explain their vote, concurring with South Africa.

20. The representative of Turkey stated that since the criteria for considering applications from non-governmental organizations were based on the principles of resolution 1996/31, it was therefore important to determine whether an organization respected the Charter. That consideration determined Turkey's position. She stated, therefore, that she would like to put on record her delegation's understanding that it was not a vote on freedom of expression.

21. At its 10th meeting, on 29 January, the Committee resumed consideration of the application of the non-governmental organization Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation.

22. In responding to the request for a vote to close the application, made by the delegate of Cuba at the 6th meeting of the Committee, on 27 January, the Chair moved to call for a vote in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

23. A statement was made before the vote by the representative of the United States, according to rule 62 of the rules of procedure. He stated that the same Member State that had worked hard to overturn the recommendation of the Committee during meetings years earlier, was now working to deny the organization the opportunity to answer serious allegations made against it. The representative noted that closing the application was premature since the Committee had recently begun consideration of the organization's application and had not given the organization an opportunity to respond. He stated further that the United States believed the organization's work was to promote and protect the existence of the Khmer Krom people and ensure that their rights as Vietnamese citizens were protected and that the organization was working to promote and protect religious freedom and minority rights, including the linguistic rights of the Khmer Krom people. Therefore, his delegation would oppose the closure of the application.

24. The application of the non-governmental organization was recommended for closure by a roll-call vote of 15 to 3, with 1 abstention. Of the 19 members of the Committee, all were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Against:

Greece, Israel, United States of America

Abstaining:

Uruguay

25. Statements after the vote were made by a few Member States. The representative of Greece stressed that the vote was taken to close the application, which was an extreme penalty. In his delegation's opinion, the closure of the application was penalizing the non-governmental organization since it did not allow for a proper review of the application, and the Committee did not provide an opportunity for the organization to respond to allegations made against it.

26. The representatives of Nicaragua and the Sudan also took the floor to explain that they believed that it was the responsibility of the Committee to uphold the Charter and that the vote did not imply closing the door to non-governmental organizations but represented respect for and upholding of the principles set out in resolution 1996/31.

27. The Chair then gave the floor to the observer for Viet Nam to make a general statement. The observer expressed his appreciation to the Committee for closing the application of the Khmer Kampuchea-Krom Federation saying that the decision was made in order to uphold the principles set out in resolution 1996/31 and to safeguard the sovereign and territorial integrity of Member States.

Applications closed without prejudice

28. At its 15th meeting, on 3 February, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 23 non-governmental organizations that had not responded to the Committee's questions despite three reminders sent to the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I (d)).

B. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

29. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1st to 5th and 11th through the 13th meetings, from 25 January to 27 January and 1 to 2 February 2016. The Committee considered a total of 275 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

30. Of the 275 non-governmental organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 152 should be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, para. (a)):

Special consultative status

ABAAD Resource Center for Gender Equality

Acclaim Otago

ACHE Internacional

Action communautaire femme et enfant

Action jeunesse pour le développement

Action pour la protection des droits de l'homme en Mauritanie

Action pour le développement humain au Congo

Agency for Health and Food Security

Al Manarah — Association for Arab Persons with Disabilities

All-Russian social movement "Association of Finno-Ugric peoples of the Russian Federation"

Alliance nationale des consommateurs et de l'environnement

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Arabic Academy of Science and Technology

American Middle East Christians Congress

ANAJA — l'Éternel a répondu

Ariel Foundation International

Asian Association for Public Administration

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

Asociación Hispano-Nigeriana para el Desarrollo Industrial y Comercial

Asociaţia Obşteasca "Centrul Ecologic-Recuperare, Reciclare, Reintegrare"

Association aide aux femmes et enfants

Association Bharathi Centre Culturel Franco-Tamoul

Association des étudiants tamouls de France

Association des fabricants européens de munitions de sport

Association du développement et de la promotion de droits de l'homme

Association for the Protection of Women and Children's Rights

Association Genèse

Association locale pour le développement intégral

Association malienne de savoir construire

Association mauritanienne pour la promotion des droits de l'homme

Association nationale de promotion et de protection des droits de l'homme

"Association of Women with University Education" Social Organization

Association pour le développement humain en Mauritanie

Bakhter Development Network

Barzani Charity Foundation

Beijing Non-Governmental Organizations Association for International Exchanges

British Nuclear Tests Veterans Association

Buddies Association of Volunteers for Orphans, Disabled and Abandoned Children

Bureau pour la croissance intégrale et la dignité de l'enfant

Center of Civil Initiatives Support

Centre d'accompagnement des filles désœuvrées

Change Human's Life

Christian Associations of Italian Laborers (USA)

Climate Change Excellence Africa

Coastal Association for Social Transformation Trust

College of the Atlantic

Community Systems Foundation

Compass Housing Services

Conquer Nepal

Conseil international pour le soutien à des procès équitables et aux droits de l'homme

Corporación Cultural Nueva Acrópolis Chile

"Coup de pousse" Chaîne de l'espoir Nord-Sud

Covenant International University and Seminary

Development of Humane Action Foundation

Diplomatici

Disability Association of Tavana

Diversity Living Services

Enable India

Fédération internationale des organisations de donneurs de sang

Fondation Monseigneur Emmanuel Kataliko

Fondation Ngangambi

Fondation One Drop

Fondation Tamukwidi Matiti Donatien

Fondazione Rosselli

Foundation for the Study of Democracy and Geopolitics

France volontaires

FreeMuslim Association

Fundación Lobbying Social

Fundamental Human Rights and Rural Development

Generación Par

Geneva Consensus Foundation

Global Civic Sharing

Global Millennium Development Foundation

Global Millennium International

Global Youth Organization

Güçsüzler Yurdu Sakinleri Koruma Yardımlaşma Dayanışma Eğitim ve Kültür Derneği

Haitelmex Foundation

Human Rights Observers

Humanic Relief — Menschen Hilfswerk

Indian Trust for Rural Heritage and Development

Initiative d'opposition contre les discours extrémistes

Institute for Security and Safety

Instituto de Desenvolvimento e Direitos Humanos

International Detention Coalition

International Dialogue for Environmental Action Public Association

International Federation of the Blue Cross

International Health Council

International Young Professionals Foundation

Internationale Gemeinschaft für die Unterstützung von Kriegsopfern

Iraqi Society for Emergency Medicine

Isät lasten asialla

Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation

JCall — European Jewish Call for Reason

Jeevan Jyothi Charitable Trust

Kapo Seba Sangha

Karna-Subarna Welfare Society

Klumpfußprojekt Mali — ein Verein zur Klumpfußbekämpfung in Mali

Kuwaiti Association for Learning Differences

Leah Charity Foundation

Los Angeles Community Action Network

Maiti Nepal

Malankara Social Service Society

March of Dimes Canada

Martial Arts Academy

Memory Trees Corporation

Microclinic International

Mouvement des jeunes pour le réveil et le développement

National Educational, Social and Traditional Knowledge Foundation

National Old Folks of Liberia

Network of Rural Women Producers

NGO Sustainability

Nimbus Foundation

Observatório Nacional de Segurança Viária e Veicular

ONG Aesadev Togo

Organization for Poverty Alleviation and Development

Orphan Charity Foundation

Pakistan Lions Youth Council Khanewal

Pakistan Rural Workers Social Welfare Organization

Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms

Partnership for Human Rights

Partnership for Justice

Phamous Vision

Porini Welfare Association

Potohar Organization for Development Advocacy

Red, Paz, Integración y Desarrollo

Redemption Research for Health and Educational Development Society

Regroupement des jeunes africains pour la démocratie et le développement (section Togo)

Réseau unité pour le développement de Mauritanie

Rural Development Foundation Global

Shelter and Settlements Alternatives: Uganda Human Settlements Network

Sindh Graduates Association

Sister to Sister: One in the Spirit

Société coopérative des agriculteurs du Cameroun — AGRIPO

Sri Ramanuja Mission Trust

Stichting International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research and Service

Stichting West European Confederation of Maritime Technology Societies

Sudanese Organization for Combating Violence against Women and Child

TERRE Policy Centre

The MILLA Project

Tort for Torture Victims Centre

Total Quality Management Magazine

True Worth Foundation

United Iraqi Medical Society for Relief and Development

Vision GRAM-International

WASH Network

Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing

World Mission Good Seed

World Wide Web Foundation

Young African Leaders Initiative

Youth Development of Congo

Youth for Community, Academic and Development Services

Youth Organizations for Drug Action

New applications deferred

31. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 123 non-governmental organizations pending receipt of questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2016 regular session:

Action sécurité éthique républicaines

African Arts Institute

African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment

Aleradah and Altageer National Society

Anti-Corruption Foundation

Asian Science Park Association

Association consortium pour les aires et territoires du patrimoine autochtone et communautaire

Association for Integrated Sustainable Development Initiatives

Association of Pacific Rim Universities

Association of Youths with Vision

Association pour la défense des droits de l'homme et des revendications démocratiques/culturelles du peuple Azerbaidjanais-Iran

Association pour la lutte contre la dépendance

Association pour la solidarité et le développement durable

Association pour le développement durable la promotion des droits humains et la lutte contre la pauvreté

Association Saemaul Undong Burundi

Association togolaise "Femmes et SIDA"

Association tunisienne de la santé de la reproduction

Association "Un enfant, un cartable" du Burkina Faso

Ballerina Management Institute

Bancroft Global Development

Blacksmith Institute

Cameroon League for Development

Center for Democracy and Technology

Centre for Corrections and Human Development

Christian Solidarity International

Cities of Peace

Conglomeration of Bengal's Hotel Owners

Coordinadora de Organizaciones de Agricultores y Ganaderos Iniciativa Rural del Estado Español

Coordination Waï (Eveil) relative à l'unité nationale et la lutte contre l'esclavage

Coptic Solidarity

Dalit Welfare Organization

Démocratie dans le monde

Development and Relief Foundation

Eaglesworth Human Empowerment Foundation

Earth Island Institute

Education, Communication and Development Trust

Entrepreneurship Development and Support Initiative

Europe Business Assembly

European Network on Independent living

Faith Matters Community Interest Company

Family Planning Association of Bangladesh

Fang Protective Services

Fédération de la ligue démocratique des droits des femmes

Festival pour la santé

Fondation Alkarama

Fondazione GEM

Fondazione Proclade Internazionale

FORUT Solidaritetsaksjon for Utvikling

Friendship Force

Frontier Reconstruction Welfare Agency

Fundación BBVA para las Microfinanzas

Fundación Vida — Grupo Ecológico Verde

Gestos Soropositividade Comunicação e Gênero

Global Campaign for Education

Global Financial Integrity

Global Initiative for Positive Change

Global Network of Sex Work Projects

Glozells Renewable Energy and Environment Society

Gulf Centre for Human Rights

Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria

Hill Tribes' Mission Aid of India

Horn of Africa Aid and Rehabilitation Action Network

Human Rights Foundation

Humanity Family Foundation for Peace and Development

Inimõiguste Instituut

Insamlingsstiftelsen Kvinna till Kvinna

International Alliance of Carer Organizations

International Association for Religious Freedom, Coordinating Council for South Asia

International Gulf Organization

International Human Rights Organization

International Non-Olympic Committee

International Non-Olympic University

International Organization for Promoting Public Diplomacy, Science, Education and Youth Cooperation "Eurasian Commonwealth"

Ishaatool Mohammadiya Research and Development Foundation, Shevgaon

Karlen Communications

Kids and Teens Resource Centre

Lady Fatemah Charitable Trust

Leadership Initiative for Transformation and Empowerment

Leading Association Alryada for Development Studies and Human Rights

Liberia Widow Assistance and Development Agency

Ligue camerounaise des droits de l'homme

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Lotus Initiative for the Blind

Maison d'Abraham

Message Welfare Society

Missing Children Global Network

Mission des sociétés d'assurances pour la connaissance et la prévention des risques naturels

Narayan Sewa Sansthan

National Geographic Society

Neighbourhood Community Network

Neighbourhood Environment Watch Foundation

Network for Adolescent and Youth of Africa

Next Century Foundation

Ngamiland Council of Non-Governmental Organizations

Pakistan Society for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled

Pan African Institute for Entrepreneurship and Community Development

People and Police for Egypt for Culture and Scientific Services

Prajachaitanya Yuvajana Sangam

Pranab Gandharva Gurukul

Prime Initiative for Green Development

Rainy River District Women's Shelter of Hope

Reading Hamlets

RINJ Foundation

Ruldin-Society for Neglected Women of Nigeria

Saavan Foundation

Saint Monica University

Save the Earth Cambodia

Sickle Cell Foundation of Tennessee

Society for Environment and Development

Society for Protection of Street and Working Children

Society for the Widows and Orphans

Sovereign Imperial and Royal House of Ghassan

Strategy for Mentoring Initiative and Leadership Empowerment

Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition

Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania

Ugonma Foundation

Women Enabled

Women of Africa

World Christian Association for Peace and Assistance Ministry International

World Education Foundation

World Food Logistics Organization

Yale University

Youth Employment Service (Cameroon)

Requests for reclassification

32. At its 5th and 10th meetings, on 27 January and 29 January, the Committee considered six requests for reclassification of consultative status, including four new requests for reclassification, as contained in document E/C.2/2016/R.3, and two deferred requests, as contained in document E/C.2/2016/CRP.3. It decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following six non-governmental organizations, pending receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee:

International Electrotechnical Commission

International Federation of Thanatologists Associations

Widows for Peace through Democracy

World Council for Curriculum and Instruction

World Evangelical Alliance

Yayasan Cinta Anak Bangsa

Requests for name change

33. At its 11th meeting, on 1 February, the Committee considered five new requests for a change of name by non-governmental organizations in consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2016/CRP.4. It decided to take note of the change of name of four of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)). The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the request for a change of name by the following non-governmental organization, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to it by the Committee:

International Center for Alcohol Policies (special, 2011) to International Alliance for Responsible Drinking

34. At the same meeting, the Committee considered four deferred requests for a change of name by four non-governmental organizations in consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2016/CRP.5. It decided to take note of the change of name of one of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)). The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the request for a change of name by

the following three non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee:

Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development (special, 2009) to Doha International Family Institute

InnerCity Mission of Christ Embassy (special, 2014) to InnerCity Mission for Children

Syriac Universal Alliance (special, 1999) to World Council of Arameans (Syriacs)

Requests for withdrawal of consultative status

35. At its 11th meeting, on 1 February, the Committee took note of the request for withdrawal of consultative status by one non-governmental organization owing to the dissolution of the organization (see chap. I, draft decision II).

III. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

A. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council that had been deferred at the resumed session

36. At its 11th meeting, on 1 February, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 47 quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status on their activities during the period 2002-2015, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see E/C.2/2016/CRP.2). Of the 47 reports, the Committee took note of the report of the following non-governmental organization (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (e)):

International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies (2010-2013)

37. The Committee decided to defer further consideration of 46 deferred quadrennial reports submitted by the following 36 non-governmental organizations:

Amnesty International (2008-2011)

Armenian Assembly of America (2007-2010)

Asociatia Pro Democratia (2007-2010)

Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid (2010-2013)

Catholics for Choice (2010-2013)

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir (2009-2012)

Centrist Democratic International (1998-2001)

Centrist Democratic International (2002-2005)

Centrist Democratic International (2006-2009)

Centrist Democratic International (2010-2013)

DiploFoundation (2010-2013)

EarthRights International (2008-2011)

End Human Trafficking Now (2007-2010)

European Union of Jewish Students (2010-2013)

Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (2010-2013)

France libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2007-2010)

Freedom House (2007-2010)

Global Environmental Action (2009-2012)

Human Rights First (2007-2010)

Human Rights Watch (2009-2012)

International Commission of Jurists (2009-2012)

International Development Enterprises (India) (2009-2012)

International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008)

International Federation of Journalists (2009-2012)

International PEN (2006-2009)

International Press Institute (2001-2004)

International Press Institute (2005-2008)

International Press Institute (2009-2012)

International Shinto Foundation (2009-2012)

International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)

Kimse Yok Mu (2010-2013)

National Council of Women of Thailand (2000-2003)

Reporters sans frontièrs international (2005-2008)

Reporters sans frontièrs international (2009-2012)

Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (2009-2012)

Simply Help (2009-2012)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2001-2004)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2005-2008)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2009-2012)

Syriac Universal Alliance (2007-2010)

Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006)

Ukrainian World Congress (2007-2010)

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2009-2012)

Vital Voices Global Partnership (2010-2013)

Women for Women's Human Rights: New Ways (2009-2012)

World Organisation against Torture (2010-2013)

B. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

38. At its 10th meeting, on 29 January, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (b), Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council. It had before it notes by the Secretary-General containing 404 new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2016/2 and E/C.2/2016/2/Add.1-26). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 360 of the non-governmental organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of the report(s) of the following 44 non-governmental organization(s):

AARP (2011-2014)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2011-2014)

Asian Centre for Human Rights (2011-2014)

Associated Country Women of the World (2011-2014)

Association for Progressive Communications (2011-2014)

Buddha's Light International Association (2011-2014)

Caritas Internationalis (2011-2014)

Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables (2011-2014)

Club of Madrid (2011-2014)

Community of Sant'Egidio (2011-2014)

Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (2011-2014)

Congregations of St. Joseph (2011-2014)

Conscience and Peace Tax International (2011-2014)

Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations (2011-2014)

Coordination immigrés du sud du monde (2011-2014)

Credo-Action (2011-2014)

Cross-Cultural Solutions (2011-2014)

Defence for Children International (2011-2014)

Economists for Peace and Security (2011-2014)

European Centre for Law and Justice (2011-2014)

Federación Internacional de Fe y Alegría (2011-2014)

First Nations Summit (2011-2014)

Forum for Women and Development (2011-2014)

Heritage Foundation (2011-2014)

Human Rights First (2011-2014)

Indian Council of Education (2011-2014)

International Bar Association (2011-2014)

International Fellowship of Reconciliation (2011-2014)

International Service for Human Rights (2011-2014)

Korean Institute for Women and Politics (2011-2014)

Minhaj-ul-Quran International (2011-2014)

Movement for a Better World (2011-2014)

National Council of German Women's Organizations (2011-2014)

Nonviolent Peaceforce (2011-2014)

Nonviolent Radical Party, Transnational and Transparty (2011-2014)

Pax Christi International (2011-2014)

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (2011-2014)

Priests for Life (2011-2014)

Redress Trust (2011-2014)

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (2011-2014)

Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (2011-2014)

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (2011-2014)

SOS Kinderdorf International (2011-2014)

Tandem Project (2011-2014)

IV. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat

39. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network, and heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

40. The Branch highlighted the need for increased resources to provide much-needed financial and human resources support for its work, including support for the paperless system, with a focus on maximizing its efficiency in meeting the increased workload of the Committee. It was also brought to the attention of the Committee that, in order to adequately support all the complementary provisions of resolution 1996/31, the Committee should consider ways to support the Branch's efforts in that regard.

V. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304

Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee

41. Delegations requested more time to consider issues that could contribute to improving the working methods of the Committee. It is expected that informal consultations may be held at a later stage to address these matters. The Committee noted useful views expressed by Committee members in that regard.

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

42. At its 11th meeting, on 1 February, the Committee considered three notes verbales from the Government of Haiti regarding the consultative status of the non-governmental organization Promotion pour le développement, based in Haiti, and took note of them.

VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

43. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2016 regular session from 25 January to 3 February and on 16 February. The Committee held 16 meetings.

44. The session was opened by one of the Vice-Chairs of the 2016 session of the Committee, Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan), who served as temporary Chair.

45. At the 1st meeting, on 25 January, the Chair of the Committee, Jorge Dotta (Uruguay), made a statement, followed by an introductory statement by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

46. The session was attended by all 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and of non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants will be issued in document E/C.2/2016/INF/1.

47. At its 2016 regular session, the Committee heard 20 representatives of non-governmental organizations, who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the

representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

C. Election of officers

48. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January, the Committee elected Jorge Dotta (Uruguay) as Chair of the Committee.

49. At the same meeting, the Committee elected Elif Çaliskan (Turkey), Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan) and El Hacen Eleyatt (Mauritania) as Vice-Chairs of the Committee. At its 6th meeting, on 27 January, it elected Forouzandeh Vadiati (Islamic Republic of Iran), as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

50. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2016, it was decided that Mr. Jabrayilov, would also serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

D. Agenda

51. At its 1st meeting, on 25 January 2016, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2016 session, as contained in document E/C.2/2016/1. The agenda reads as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
   (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
   (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
   (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:

(a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;

(b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;

(c) Other related matters.

7. Consideration of special reports.

8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.

9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2017 session of the Committee.

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2016 regular session

52. At its 15th meeting, on 3 February 2016, the Committee took note of the draft report and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report with the support of the Secretariat and in consultation with the members of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to its submission to the Economic and Social Council for appropriate action.

53. At its 16th meeting, on 16 February 2016, the Committee adopted the present report.